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1. FURTHER ON MTI HUNGARIAN. [REDACTED] HAS NOW HAD ANOTHER REPLY FROM MTI BUDAPEST, GIVING SUBSCRIPTION PRICES FOR MTI PRINTED MATTER, RATHER THAN THE WIRE SERVICE HE INQUIRED ABOUT. HIS FIRST ANSWER, YOU WILL RECALL, WAS THAT THE WIRE SERVICE WAS AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION, BUT ONLY WITHIN HUNGARY. RAE WILL ASK AGAIN FOR A QUOTATION ON THE WIRE SERVICE.

2. AS MTI HAS ALREADY SAID THE WIRE SERVICE CAN BE SUBSCRIBED TO, AND AS RAE IS CONFIDENT THE PRICE WILL BE AFFORDABLE, QUESTION REMAINS HOW TO GET THE MATERIAL DELIVERED ELECTRICALLY OUTSIDE OF HUNGARY. [REDACTED] ASSURES ME THAT BBC RENTAL OF A LINE FROM BUDAPEST TO LONDON IS OUT OF THE QUESTION, AND HE SEES NO OTHER WAY TO MANAGE IT THAN BY A VCVC PATCH.

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3. THIS BRINGS US BACK AROUND TO QUESTION POSED EARLIER: WHETHER AUSTRIAN BUREAU OUGHT NOT TO UNDERTAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES AS TO COST AND AVAILABILITY OF CIRCUITRY FROM BUDAPEST, AND AS TO CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT TERMINAL POINTS. AMEMB BUDAPEST--AMEMB VIENNA IS A POSSIBILITY THAT SUGGESTS ITSELF. E2 IMPDET

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